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SUBJECT.

Management of the Chattram and temple on the Chintamani—Siddaphas High-road built by Rama Reddi & Konapalli.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
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MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE NOTE.

Subject.

Re affairs of the Kodal ... Council & the Chairman Mr. Bai ... Patel of Kowapalli in the Chintur ... Taluk

LAST REFERENCE:—

Letter No. 1066-704 dated 9th October 1904 from the Commissioner, Kistna District

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In 1893, Bapuji, Patel of Kowapalli in the Chintur ... Taluk ... Revenue and Police ... the temple of ... Kodal ... P. ... expenses the temple of ... Kodal ... P. ... and formed a Choultry ... the Chintur ... Sid ... battle ... the ... of the ... It ... in ... the ... Rs. 140 ... the Kodal ... 5% ... Trust ... for ... the ... of the ... Choultry ... the ...

of the Dy Commr, the deposit Amt of Rs 14,000 at 5% interest was sanctioned (under (vide Govt Pro No. 715-16 / Mung 156-92 dated 25th April 1893). the Verbal orders of the Dewan). The Dy Commr also reported that the donors prayed that the temple and Chatram with their endowments may be taken over by Govt for management and that they (the donors) during their life-time and any competent heirs after them would be willing to supervise under orders of Govt the affairs of the institutions but that if this was considered undesirable they would make over the institutions immediately by Govt. This prayer of the donors, viz, "the taking over charge of the temple & chatram by the Govt" was also sent since & necessary instructions for the administration of the Charities were prescribed & issued by the then Inspecting Superintendent —

(Hms. Here I.)

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Detailed particulars of the income & expenditure of the endowments were called for and were received, but no definite instructions appear

appear (from the records) that no sanction has been issued. Letter G however sanction has been accorded to a bill for Rs 175 out of the half yearly interest on the deposit, to be paid to the managers for the repairs of the charities & the purchase of horses therein

Fee I

In Jan 1904, Ramareddi of Konapalli presented an appeal petition to the Collector complaining that the D Comm had nominated Dharmadarsis to superintend the affairs of the institutions & that such association of other persons as such would be ruinous; prayed that his son Venkatanamareddi who has been managing the affairs may be appointed sole dharmadarsi

Fee II

Thereupon, a report having been called for, the D Comm (Mr K. P Pattanna Chetty) has submitted an elaborate report from which it is observed as follows.

Fee III

After assumption of the charge of the charities by Govt, Bypa Reddi was allowed to manage the charities till his death & then, Venkatanamareddi son of the appellant

continued to manage for the last 7 years.
The Assistant of Chintamani reported
to the Dy Comm^r (Mr J E C Carr) that the
affairs of the charities were far from
satisfactory & that the manager was
misappropriating the funds of the Charams,
& recommended the removal of Venkatarama Reddi
from the Managership & the appointment
of 3 Dharmakartas to supervise its affairs.
This recommendation was approved by
Mr Carr & 3 Dharmakartas are reported
to have been appointed [There is however
no reference about this in this office & no
notification to the effect has been issued]
Mr Puttanna (the Dy) reports that he inspected
the Charams & states that the result of
a personal enquiry which he held on
the spot showed that Venkatarama Reddi
did not actually misappropriate the Charam
funds & that even his Enquiries could not substantiate
any charges to Venkatarama Reddi & that the

people had no specific complaint to
make against him. He states that
there was no doubt that correct accounts
were not maintained & that if this
is continued it will seriously interfere
with the usefulness of the charity. This
unsatisfactory state; the Dy Commr.,
attributes to the want of periodical
check & examination of accounts by the
Taluk authorities. Considering the above
facts the Dy Commr. states that he appointed
nominated Venkatanarayanareddi as an addl
Dharmadarsi & made him the chief of them
having a predominant voice in the management
& has given reasons in the matter & submitted
the names of 4 persons including Venkatanarayan
reddi for appointment as Dharmadarsis.
The Patta of the waste lands measuring 18 acres ~~&~~ 6 guntas
assessed at Rs 90 granted for the benefit
of the institution are stated to have been

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Muzrai Secretary's Remarks.

It appears from Mr. Puttanna Chetty's report that there has been no misappropriation of ~~chrity~~ charity funds on the part of Venkatarama Reddy, the present manager, nor is there any serious complaint about his management of the Chattram. The only objection to his management is that he has not been keeping regular accounts. He says that he is now prepared to keep regular accounts and submit them to the local authorities, but he and his father(the Petitioner) object to other persons unconnected with the family of the donors of the charity being appointed Dharmadarsis and allowed to interfere in the management of the charity. Such an objection on their part appears natural under the circumstances. It is my humble opinion therefore, that the management may be left in the family of the donors, the present Manager Venkatarama Reddy being held responsible to Government for the proper administration of the charity. He should keep regular accounts and submit them to the Amildar, who should check them and also periodically inspect the Chattram and its management. In this view of the case, the appointment of Dharmadarsis seems unnecessary.

The other Recommendations of

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the Dewan, may be approved.

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30/10/04

Subd to the Dewan
through the 2nd Cr.

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Rd 31.10.04

If I remember rightly it was one of the conditions of the original donor that one of the members of his family should be the manager of the Chowltry. [illegible] as nothing [illegible] against the present manager, the change may be only [illegible] on the condition of his maintaining regular accounts [illegible] the recommendations made by the Dewan may be approved.

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All right. But this arrangement be provisional for 3 or 5 yrs. to be made absolute if [illegible] gives ventilation and [illegible] no cause for complaint

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Recd
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Orders were issued accordingly in Govt Pro. no 2279-80 dt 18-12-1901 and the substance thereof was communicated to, Ramareddy (vide Govt no. 2281 dt 18-12-01)

Munireddy son of Patel Bhireddy and chick Venkataramanareddy son of Erappa reddy in their appeal petition to this office pray for a re-view of the above orders on the following grounds:-

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1) That their fathers viz Bhireddy and Erappa reddy referred to and their uncle Ramareddy of Konapalli constructed the chattram in question and deposited with the govt a sum of Rs 14000/ with the object of defraying the expenses connected with the up-keep of the chattram from the interest accrued therefrom;

2) That the then Amildar after inspecting the chattram reported to the Asst Commr in charge of the taluk that Dodveri

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Ramanareddy Son of their uncle Rama
reddy referred to, who was then managing
the affairs of the institution, was manu-
-ing registers containing false entries
and making private use of the public
money intended for the chattram and that a
perusal of the records and the deposition
given by him before the Amildar support
their statements,

3) That, under the orders of the Dy Comm
the petns and eventually Dod Venkatara-
manareddy were appointed as Dharma-
Darsis to supervise the affairs of the insti
-tution; and

4) That they are at a loss to know, how
in the face of the above facts, Govt were
pleased to order the abolition of the Dhar
-madarsis and to permit Venkataramana
reddy to continue in his management
of the chattram.

They pray that as they have

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as much right over the chattram as Dod Venkataramanareddy has, they may be appointed, in the interests of the institution, as Dharmadarsis in view to enable them to perpetuate the charity established by their fathers.

They further add that the Khata of the lands endowed to the chattram, which now stands in the name of the Dod-Venkataramanareddy may be transferred to the name of the institution.

AV 12.6.05 Submits.

All the above were before Govt. when orders were passed in Ro: No. 2279-80 of 18th Dec. 1902. May the petrs be informed that there is nothing new now for a reconsn. of the orders already passed?

Submitted 9/12/605

Please forward the present Petn to the Collr for report

13/6/05

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The petition was accordingly forwarded to the Deputy Commr for report. He reports that the Chattram was inspected by Mr K. Srinivasa Rows, Assistant Commr on the 17th January 1907, that at the time of his inspection there were no servants to watch the Chattram, that there was a storage of Honge seeds therein and that from enquiries made of the travellers present at the time it was ascertained that they were not fed with any food & that the Chattram was kept in a very dirty condition —

Letter no 273/17 dt 9th July '07,

The Deputy Commissioner further reports that the present manager Venkataramma[illegible]

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to have properly managed the Institution or maintained accounts of receipts and expenditure as enjoined in Govt. Pro: no 2279-80 dated 18th December 1904, thereby showing no improvement in the proper administration of the Charity. The Deputy Commissioner is therefore of opinion that he agrees with the views expressed by his predecessor (Mr K P. Puttanna Chetty) in his letter no 2086/204 dated 9th October 1904 and recommends that the undermentioned persons may be appointed Dharmadarsees of the Institution placed under his charge

* 1. Venkatasa reddi son of Ra reddi
2. Patel Munireddi son of Byareddi
3. Chikka Venkata reddi son of Timmappareddi
4. Shanbhog Venkatarayappa

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by turns with clear instructions that there should always be a sufficient stock of provision in the Chattram to last for a month and that payments would only be made by the Amildar on their rendering the accounts of the previous month.

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Of the 4 persons now recommended as Dharmadarsis the 3 first named appear to be the members of the family of the original founder Byrappa Reddi but the last named—Viz, Shanbhogue Venkataraoppa seems to be unconnected with the family.

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the typed remarks on page 7 of this Note - The members of the family objected to outsiders interfering in the management - A Memorial is also respectfully invited to the Court's orders recorded on page 8 of this note which directed that the arrangement of Venkataramana Reddi managing the Charities should be provisional for 3 or 5 years & be made a bodily if he gave no cause of complaint

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From the report of the Amildar - Mr. T. S. Raghavachar it is observed that the statements of the Parpathegar of the Chatram, the Cook [illegible], have been taken

mismanagement brought to notice, but what Venkatarama Reddi has himself to say in the matter is not known. He has petd. the Amildar regrdg. disbursement of certain amounts due to him.

May the Dy Commr be requested to obtain the explanation of Venkatarama Reddi & report to upon the other points viz.

Yes. Ask for Venkatarama Reddy's Explanation as to mismanagement.

Enquire also what is the complaint about non-payment of funds made by the Reddi (Vide Inamdar file)

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The Deputy Commissioner was accordingly written to and Mai officer has submitted a detailed report thereon together with the explanation of Venkataramana Reddy and other Vernacular records

The gist of Venkataramana Reddy's explanation as summarized by the Amildar is to the following effect :—

(Slip A) He does not maintain the Chattram accounts, but the Sampathegar does it During his stay in the village, he supervises the affairs of the Chattram twice a day and during his absence, he instructs his son to do so. He purchases provisions for the Jasdik amounts paid to him and stores them in his house and not in the Chattram. As for cooking on 11-11-06 and 10-12-06, the supply of provisions might have been scanty He initials the Tickets

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issues to travellers once in 2 or 3 days, and in case of his absence from the village for 10 or 15 days, he leaves behind instructions to his son During his life-time, he himself wishes to attend to Chattram affairs, and it is not agreeable to him to appoint any one else to the Chattram

The Sub Asst. Commissioner Mr K Srinivasa Rao reports (Slip 8 that he inspected the Chattram on the 28th January last, that it was in discrepancy, that there were neither provisions nor vessels in the Chattram during the time of his inspection, that some coolies were using portion of the Chattram building as their permanent place of residence, and that ground-nuts are being stored by itenerant traders, that the Chattram is kept in a filthy condition and that people complained that they were declined food in the Chattram.

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(Slip C)	In his report dated 26th March 1907, the Amildar reports that Venkatārāmana Reddy is mis-managing the institution and mis-appropriating the Dasoik amounts paid to him, that he failed to pay Rs 100/- for the car-festival of Sri Kodandaramaswamy, that he allowed the chatram lands to lie fallow for 3 years, that he stands in the way of the progress of the institution and that it is inadvisable to continue him any longer in his management of the institution. The Dy Commr now solicits sanction to the proposals made in the matter. (Vide pages 14 & 15 of this Note) Submitted for orders 6/7/1908 I think mismanagement on the part of Venkatarama Reddy has been clearly proved. Orders are now
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solicited whether the Dy Comrs proposal to appoint 4 Dharmadarsis (including Venkataramana Reddi) may be sanctioned. This arrangement may perhaps be tried for two years.

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Subd to the 2nd C.E. / Ramakotamma Rao 8/4/08

Approved. This was the arrangement I had recommended when I was in charge of Kolar distt. There were well founded Complaints against Venkataramareddi & I proposed to associate his near relations & the Shanbog of the village in the Management of the Charity

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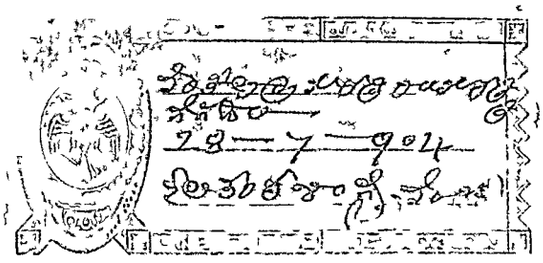

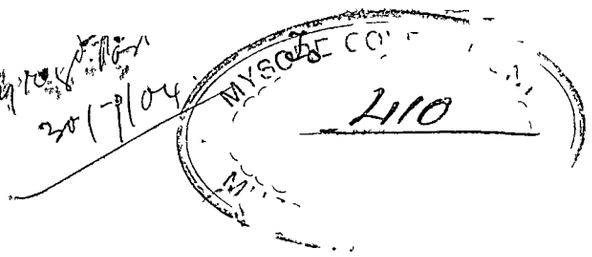

The Secretary Government of Mysore

Muzrai Department.

Most respected Sir,

I beg to State that the Chattram at Konapalli in Chintamani Taluk was founded by me and my two brothers — Rama Reddi and Eavappa Reddi, to feed the needy travellers in Chintamani and Sidlaghatta road. A sum of rupees 14 000 was deposited by us in the government treasury and the payment of half yearly interest there on at 5% per annum was Sanctioned by government in 1893. My brother Byra Reddi was managing the affairs of the institution for some time, and after him the management was handed

over to my Son as the eldest member of the family. He has been managing the affairs properly for the past 7 years, without giving cause for any sort of complaint what soever. He has been receiving the half yearly interest on the deposit from time to time, and the amildars of the taluk have satisfied themselves with his management efficiently, as will be observed from the endorsements made by them in the accounts kept by him regularly. This being so, a few mo ths ago the Shevestedar of the taluk came to Konappali and owing to some misunderstanding misrepresented to the new amildar that he was mismanaging the institution. Here upon

Deputy Commissioner has issued an endorsement no: 347 dated 1st may 1904 that my Son Doda-Venkata Rama Reddi has been divested of the management and that Dharmadarsees will be appointed to manage the affairs.

2 Upon my Son representing to the present kind Deputy Commissioner Mr. K. P. Puttanna Chetty, that officer has been to include him also among the Dharmadarsees.

3. I beg to appeal against the endorsement, and represent that the management Should be entirely in the hands of Doda Venkata Rama Reddi as the

and pains-taking intelligent man in our family. The association of other persons as Dharmadarsees will not only be disrespectful to us, but will also tend to allow the charities to go to ruins, owing to the interference of others who take no real interest whatever in the charities. My Son will however Submit to government officers any accounts that may be prescribed by government subject to the control and supervision of such local officers. My Son, of his own accord, has dug a well at a cost of 4 or 5 hundred rupees in front of the chattram for the convenience of travellers

and bullocks and is otherwise effecting improvements to the institutions. On his zeal and motion, the government have sanctioned the grant of 90 acres of waste lands to the chattram and the work of improving these lands and making them fit for cultivation will devolve upon him alone, and if these are — Shamdarees, he will lack in Supervising and managing the charities.

Under these circumstances I pray that the Deputy -er's order appealed against may be set aside and the management left entirely in the hands of &

Venkata Rama Reddi

Subject to the condition above set forth, for which act of kindness and charity I shall always pray for your prosperity

I beg to remain respected Sir,

Yours obediently

Signed Ramareddi in Canarese

27th July 1904.

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From

L. ANANTASAMI RAO. Esq., B.A.,
~~Deputy~~ *Secretary to the Govt. of*
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department.

To

The Dy Commr
Kolar Dt

Dated August 1904.

Despatched 31st

Received

General No. 848
Muzrai F. No.

Enclosure No. (2)

The accompanying appeal petn Regd No. 410 of 30th July 1904 received from Ramareddi of Kouppalli in the Chintamani Taluk ~~together~~ with its enclosure is forwarded to the Dy Commr. for favour of a detailed report.

2. The petr. complains that the association of other persons as Dharmadarsis

Dharmadarsi the affairs
of the Chatram built
and endowed by him will
be ruinous and prays
that his son Venkatramareddi
who has hitherto been
managing it without
any complaint whatever
may be appointed Sole
Dharmadarsi thereof.

By order

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No. 849
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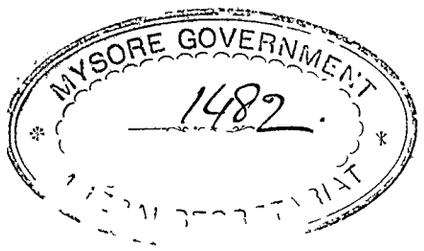

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From

The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

To The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Municipal Department

Dated 9th October 1904

Despatched/2

Received

General No. 2086
No. 204

Enclosure No. 1 file

Reporting on the petition of one Rama Reddi - one of the founders of the Chattram at Konapalli in the Chintamani Taluk

Recd 14/10/04

Submitted for orders, with an office note

25/10/04

Kolar Deputy Commissioner's Office
Dated 9th October 1904.

From,

K. P. Pitchumma Chetty Esqre
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

To

L. Anantasami Rao Esqre
Secretary to the Government of
Mysore —
Municipal Department.

Sir,

With reference to your docket No 848 dated 31st August 1904 forwarding for report a petition received from Rama Reddi one of the founders of the Chattram at Konapalli in the Chintamani Taluk, appealing against the Deputy Commissioner's Order removing the present manager — Dodd Venkatrama Reddi from the office and appointing three Dharmadarsies to manage the affairs of the Chattram, I have the honor to state that the petitioner and his two brothers constructed the Chattram in question some years ago and

and deposited with the Government a sum of Rs 14,000/- with the object of defraying the expenses connected with the up-keep of the chattram from the interest accrued therefrom Subsequently the chattram was taken over for management by Government in the Inam Department in accordance with the wishes of the donors of whom Byra Reddi was the chief and the petitioner one of the donors Even after the assumption of the charge of the Charity by Government, the chief donor Byra Reddi was allowed to manage its affairs and he accordingly continued to be the manager till his death some 7 years ago After his death, Venkatarama Reddi the son of the petitioner assumed charge of the office and conducted the business for a period of 7 years —

2. The Amildar of the Chintamani Taluk in his

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inspection of the Chattram in February 1904 found that 5
affairs were far from satisfactory and brought the fact to the notice of my predecessor. The Amildar and the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Taluk submitted elaborate and exhaustive reports (which are enclosed in the file) in which they stated that the manager was grossly mismanaging the affairs; that the registers maintained by him contained fictitious entries and that he was misappropriating a good portion of the amount intended for the up-keep of the Chattram and recommended among other things the removal of Venkatrama Reddi from the management and the appointment of (1) 3 Dharmadarsies to manage the affairs of the institution and (2) of a Parapathyagar on Rs 5/- and a Sweeper on Rs 4/- They further defined clearly the duties which the Dharmadarsies and the other servants had to perform.

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The recommendation of the above officers was approved of by my predecessor and accordingly — Venkatarama Reddi was removed from the managership and three Dharmadarsies appointed in his stead

3. After my taking charge of the District, Venkatarama Reddi submitted 2 petitions one in person and represented that he did not misappropriate the Chattram funds and that he might therefore be restored to the office of the manager as heretofore

4. In my tour in the District, I inspected the Chattram in question and held a personal enquiry on the spot The result of my enquiry went to show that Venkatarama Reddi did not actually misappropriate the Chattram funds The Complaint against him was not so much about the mismanagement of the Chattram and the mis-appropriation of its funds, as

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about his failure to maintain correct accounts. Even his dayadees could not attribute any base motive to him so far as his connection with the Chattram and his dealings with its funds were concerned. The people whom I questioned on these points had no specific complaints to make against him. But he could not be altogether absolved from all blame in the transaction. There was no doubt that he failed to maintain correct accounts and this was a serious fault, which, if allowed to continue would shake the confidence of the public and seriously interfere with the usefulness of the charity. This unsatisfactory state of accounts was, to some extent, due to the want of periodical check and examination of accounts by the Taluk authorities. If the latter had exercised strict supervision, the affairs of the Chattram would not have drifted into the state in which it was at the

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times when the Amildar inspected it.

5. From the state of things that was brought to my notice, I was inclined to think that the punishment meted out to Venkatrama Reddi, viz, his removal from the managership was too severe and I accordingly thought fit to modify the order of Mr Carr in so far as it affected the status and reputation of Venkatrama Reddi. I nominated him as one of the Dharmadarsies, thereby increasing the number from 3 to 4 and also made him the Chief Dharmadarsi having a predominant voice in its management. As regards the other portion of the order passed by my predecessor, I did not see sufficient reason to interfere, but, on the other hand, I considered it as the best arrangement that could be made under the circumstances for the following reasons: —

6. Whenever a charitable institution was taken over by Government for

for management, it is the right of Government to see that it is efficiently and satisfactorily managed on the lines intended by the original founder. If this object is to be attained, it is, in my opinion, better to entrust the management of it to a body of men than to a single individual. This is a big institution having an annual income of Rs 700/- and the chances of mis-appropriating the funds are decidedly greater in the case of a single man managing its affairs without any one to question his action. There are always errors of commission and omission and there will be more chances for a single man to fall into this error than for a body of men. If a Committee consisting of 3 or more persons is appointed to look after the affairs the chances of mismanagement will be minimised and the charity of the original founder of the institution will be perpetuated. I accordingly submit the names of these Dharmadarsies in the margin for the

1. Venkatrama Reddi, son of Rama Reddi
(2) Patel Nemi Reddi, son of Bayya Reddi
(3) Chik Venkatrama Reddi, son of Venkappa Reddi
(4) Shanbhog Venkatrangappa

approval and orders of Government. Even now the said Venkatrama Reddi cannot have any real grievance, seeing that he has been made the Chief Dharma-darsi of the institution and that the other members excepting one, who is the Shanbhogue, are his own Dayadees Connected with the founders of the institution.

7. I have ordered that the patta of the waste lands measuring 18 acres and 6 guntas and assessed at Rs 90/- which were granted in favour of the institution in Government Order No 1828-9 dated 22.12.03 should be made in the name of the managers of the institution The work of improving these waste lands and rendering them fit for cultivation was entrusted to Dor Venkatrama Reddi under the direct Control of the Amildar. I would propose that instead of having the whole amount of interest on the deposited amount paid in one lump to Venkatrama Reddi, payments may be made every

mission by the Bank Examiner on obtaining regular accounts with vouchers of receipts and expenditure of the institution in accordance with the procedure laid down by Government in their recent order regarding the audit of Muzrai accounts.

8. The accounts of this Chattram will hereafter be maintained separately and included in the monthly returns. —

9. The entire Vernacular records connected with the subject are herewith submitted for reference. —.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

W. Kittermett
Deputy Commissioner
Bellary District. —

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Read:-

Appeal Petn Regd no. 440 dt 30th Jan 1904 of Rama Reddi of Konapalli in the Chintamani Taluk praying that he may be appointed sole Dharmadarsi of the Chatram & temple built & endowed by him on the Chintamani-Siddlaghatta High road in the Chintamani Taluk.

And,

The following letter No. 2086/204 dt 9th October 1904 from the Dy Commr, Kolar District, reporting on the above

"In extenso

Subtd
May this be first issued & then printed?
Rd. Issue & print
12/12/04

No 2279-80 - D/18/12/04 Order thereon
Muz F 156-92
Encl 0 0
& 2281

From the Dy Commr

report read above it is
observed that there has been
no misappropriation of charity
funds on the part of Venkataramareddi,
the present Manager, nor has
any serious malpractice been
brought home to him. The
only objection to his management
is that he has not been keeping
regular accounts. To this,
he says that he is now prepared
to keep regular accounts
and submit them to the
local authorities, but he
and his father (the appellant)
object to other persons unconnected
with the family of the donors
of the charity being appointed
Dharmadarsis and allowed

to interfere in the management of the Charity. Such an objection on their part appears natural under the circumstances. The Govt. therefore ~~direct that~~ have no objection to the management ~~may be~~ being left in the family of the donors, the present Manag. Venkata Rama Reddi being held responsible to Govt. for the proper administration of the Charity. He should keep regular accounts & submit them to the Amildar who should check them & also periodically inspect the institutions & their management. The appointment of Dharmadarsis is therefore unnecessa

this arrangement will

however, be provisional

for three years, after the lapse of which

~~for 3 years to be made~~

a report should be called as to whether

~~absolute if~~ the present

Manager Venkatarama reddi

has

given no cause for complaint.

The other recommendations

made by the Commissioner

(Mr K P. Puttanaiah Hg)

are approved

12/12/04

(Dewan's order)

Secretary

Revs. Deptt

10/12/04

To

the Dy Commr Kolar D.t for returning records

in connection with

Endorsement to the appellant in the above terms.

By order

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READ—

Appeal petition Registered No. 410, dated 30th July 1904 from Rama Reddi of Konapalli in the Chintamani Taluk, praying that he may be appointed sole Dharmadarsi of the chattram and temple built and endowed by him on the Chintamani-Sidlaghatta high road in the Chintamani Taluk.

AND,

The following letter No. 2086—204, dated 9th October 1904, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, reporting on the above :—

With reference to your docket No. 848, dated 31st August 1904, forwarding for report a petition received from Rama Reddi, one of the founders of the chattram at Konapalli in the Chintamani Taluk, appealing against the Deputy Commissioner's order removing the present manager Dodvenkatrama Reddi from the office and appointing three Dharmadarsis to manage the affairs of the chattram, I have the honor to state that the petitioner and his two brothers constructed the chattram in question some years ago and deposited with the Government a sum of Rs. 14,000 with the object of defraying the expenses connected with the up-keep of the chattram from the interest accrued therefrom. Subsequently the chattram was taken over for management by Government in the Muzrai Department in accordance with the wishes of the donors of whom Byra Reddi was the chief and the petitioner one of the donors. Even after the assumption of the charge of the charity by Government, the chief donor Byra Reddi was allowed to manage its affairs and he accordingly continued to be the manager till his death some seven years ago. After his death, Venkatarama Reddi, the son of the petitioner, assumed charge of the office and conducted the business for a period of seven years.

2. The Amildar of the Chintamani Taluk in his inspection of the chattram in February 1904 found that the affairs were far from satisfactory, and brought the fact to the notice of my predecessor. The Amildar and the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Taluk submitted elaborate and exhaustive reports (which are enclosed in the file) in which they stated that the manager was grossly mismanaging the affairs : that the registers maintained by him contained fictitious entries and that he was misappropriating a good portion of the amount intended for the up-keep of the chattram and recommended among other things the removal of Venkatrama Reddi from the managership and the appointment of (1) three Dharmadarsis to manage the affairs of the Institution and (2) of a Parpattegar on Rs. 5 and a sweeper on Rs. 4. They further defined clearly the duties which the Dharmadarsis and the other servants had to perform. The recommendation of the above officers was approved of by my predecessor and accordingly Venkatrama Reddi was removed from the managership and three Dharmadarsis appointed in his stead.

3. After my taking charge of the district, Venkatrama Reddi submitted two petitions to me in person and represented that he did not misappropriate the chattram funds and that he might therefore be restored to the office of the manager as heretofore

4. In my tour in the district, I inspected the chattram in question and held a personal enquiry on the spot. The result of my enquiry went to show that Venkatrama Reddi did not actually misappropriate the chattram funds. The complaint against him was not so much about the mismanagement of the chattram and the misappropriation of its funds, as about his failure to maintain correct accounts. Even his dayadees could not attribute any base motive to him so far as his connection with the chattram and his dealings with its funds were concerned. The people whom I questioned on these points had no specific complaints to make against him. But he could not be altogether absolved from all blame in the transaction. There was no doubt that he failed to maintain correct accounts and this was a serious fault which, if allowed to continue, would shake the confidence of the public and seriously interfere with the usefulness of the charity. This unsatisfactory state of accounts was, to some extent, due to the want of periodical check and examination of accounts by the taluk authorities. If the latter had exercised strict supervision, the affairs of the chattram would not have drifted into the state in which it was at the time when the Amildar inspected it.

5. From the state of things that was brought to my notice, I was inclined to think that the punishment meted out to Venkatrama Reddi, *viz*, his removal from the managership was too severe and I accordingly thought fit to modify the order of Mr. Carr in so far as it affected the status and reputation of Venkatrama Reddi. I nominated him as one of the Dharmadarsis thereby increasing the number from 3 to 4 and also made him the Chief Dharmadarsi, having a predominant voice in its management. As regards the other portion of the order passed by my predecessor, I did not see sufficient reason to interfere, but, on the other hand, I considered it as the best arrangement that could be made under the circumstances for the following reasons .—

Muzrai, dated 18th December 1904.

6. Whenever a charitable Institution was taken over by Government for management, it is the right of Government to see that it is efficiently and satisfactorily managed on the lines intended by the original founder. If this object is to be attained, it is, in my opinion, better to entrust the management of it to a body of men than to a single individual. This is a big Institution having an annual income of Rs. 700 and the chances of misappropriating the funds are decidedly greater in the case of a single man managing its affairs without any one to question his action. There are always errors of commission and omission and there will be more chances for a single man to fall into this error than for a body of men. If a committee consisting of three or more persons is appointed to look after the affairs, the chances of mismanagement will be minimised and the charity of the original founder of the Institution will be prepetuated. I accordingly submit the names of these Dharmadarsis in the margin for the approval and orders of Government. Even now the said Venkatrama Reddi cannot have any real grievance, seeing that he has been made the chief Dharmadarsi of the Institution and that the other members excepting one, who is the Shanbhog, are his own dayadees connected with the founders of the Institution.

1. Venkatrama Reddi, son of Rama Reddi.
2. Patel Muni Reddi son of Byra Reddi.
3. Chik Venkatrama Reddi, son of Veerappa Reddi.
4. Shanbhog Venkatrayappa

7. I have ordered that the patta of the waste lands measuring 18 acres and 6 guntas and assessed at Rs. 90 which were granted in favor of the Institution in Government Order No. 1828-9, dated 22nd December 1903, should be made in the name of the managers of the Institution The work of improving these waste lands and rendering them fit for cultivation was entrusted to Dod Venkatrama Reddi under the direct control of the Amildar. I would propose that instead of having the whole amount of interest on the deposited amount paid in one lump to Venkatrama Reddi, payments may be made every month by the Taluk Amildar on obtaining regular accounts with vouchers of receipts and expenditure of the Institution in accordance with the procedure laid down by Government in their recent order regarding the audit of Muzrai accounts.

8. The accounts of this chattram will hereafter be maintained separately and included in the monthly returns.

No. 2279-80, DATED BANGALORE, 18TH DECEMBER 1904.

ORDER THEREON.—From the Deputy Commissioner's report read above, it is observed that there has been no misappropriation of charity funds on the part of Venkatrama Reddi, the present manager, nor has any serious malpractice been brought home to him. The only objection to his management is that he has not been keeping regular accounts. To this, he says that he is now prepared to keep regular accounts and submit them to the local authorities but he and his father (the appellant) object, to other persons unconnected with the family of the donors of the charity being appointed Dharmadarsis and allowed to interfere in the management of the charity. Such an objection on their part appears natural under the circumstances. The Government therefore have no objection to the management being left in the family of the donors, the present manager Venkatrama Reddi being held responsible to Government for the proper administration of the charity. He should keep regular accounts and submit them to the Amildar, who should check them and also periodically inspect the Institutions and their management. The appointment fo Dharmadarsis is therefore unnecessary. This arrangement will however, be provisional for three years, after the lapse of which a report should be submitted as to whether the present manager Venkatrama Reddi has given no cause for complaint. The other recommendations made by the Deputy Commissioner (Mr. K. P. Puttanna Chetty) are approved.

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Secretary, Muzrai Department.

To—The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, returning records
The Comptroller to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Exd—J. A. P.

1904-05

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

MUZRAI

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 18th December 1904

No. 2279-80

Passing orders in the matter of the management of the chattram and temple on the Chintamani-Sidlaghatta high road built by Rama Reddi of Konapalli.

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To

The Dy Comrs
Kolar District

Vide reminr no Dy 22/1/06

In continuation
of Government Proceedings
no 2279-80 dated 18th
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December 1904 passing
orders on the appeal
petition of Ramareddi
of Kamasandra in the
Chintamani Taluk,
regarding the management
of the Chattram and
the temple built and
endowed by him, have
the honour to forward
herewith for favour

of report petition no
without
4277 duties from
Smt Ramadevi and Chinna
Venkatanarasamma Reddi
on the same subject.

Sir
Yr. obt. servt.
Secretary
Irrigation Dept

15/6/05

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From

L. ANANTASAMI RAO, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department.

To

The Dy Commr
Kolar Dist.

Dated 23.6.06

Despatched

Received

General No. 5907
Muzrai F. No.

Enclosure No. 2

In contn of this office no 4701 Dy 9th June 1905, has the honor to forward herewith the marginally noted petitions from Subba Reddy and Sippa Reddy of Konappalli, Chintamani Taluk, complaining that Byrareddy Venkataramana Reddy has been misappropriating the funds of the chattram, built by their father at the place

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and praying that they may be appointed as Dharmadarsis to supervise the working of the instn.

The Dy. Commr. is requested to expedite the Subm. of the report already called for on the subject.

By order,

Dtd 23/6/06

Secretary,

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22/6/06

No. 5908 & 23.6.06

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

Dated 24 December 1906

ENDORSEMENT granted to Dodda Venkataramā Reddi, Manager of Konepalli Byrappa's Chattram, Chintamani Taluk

in reply to his Petition Registered No. 3007, dated 14th December 1906, praying for the disbursement this year of the half yearly interest on the amount deposited by the founder in the Savings Bank, for the benefit of the Institution

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Petitioner is informed that the system by which the interest on the deposited amount is being paid month by month having been sanctioned provisionally for 3 years under Govt Prov: No. 2279-80, dated 18th December 1904, his prayer will be considered after the expiry of that period.

By Order,

22/12/06

Secretary

3327 dt 24-12-06 Rs

Copy is forwarded to the Accountant, Kolar Dist, for information and necessary action in the matter of the Registration of this Office Nos 700 and 701, dated 9th June 1905 and 25th July 1906 respectively, regarding the alleged misappropriation of the funds of the Chattram by the then manager Dodda Venkatarama Reddi and recovery of the same.

By Order,

Secretary, Muzrai Department.

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From
C. Srikanteswara Iyer Esquire
B A B L
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

To L. Anantaswami Rau Esquire
B.A
Secy to the Govt of Mysore
Muzrai Department

Dated 9th July 1907

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General No. 273
No. 17

Enclosure No. 1 file & 2
Memo

Reports on the petns of Munireddi, Chickvencata-ramareddi, Thi ppareddi & Subbareddi of Konapalli, Chintamani Taluk wipe his Complaint that one Venkata ramareddi has been mis-appropriating the funds of the Chattram there

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My note on file 2 subject to Memo

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

Dated Kolar the 9th July 1907.

From C Srikanteswara Iyer Esquire B A B.L
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

To L Anantaswami Rau Esquire B.A.
Secretary to the Govt of Mysore
Inam Department

Sir

With reference to your docket no 4701/156-92 dated 19th June 1905 & subsequent reminder and docket nos 3122 & 5907 dated 23rd January 1906 & 23rd June 1906 respectively forwarding for report the petitions of Munireddi, Chickvenkatamreddi, Thippareddi & Subbareddi of Honnapalli, Chintamani taluk, complaining that one Venkatramareddi has been misappropriating the funds of the Chattram built by their father at the place and praying that they might be appointed as Dharmadarsis to supervise the working of the Institution, I have the honor to submit herewith correspondence ending with Kolar Sub Division Assistant Commissioner's Jasti No 1145 dated 22nd March 1907 and to state as follows —

2. The Chattram referred to was inspected by Mr K. Srinivasa Rau assistant Commissioner on the 17th January 1907. and he stated that at the time of his inspection there were no servants to watch

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Sir, that there was a shortage of Hongé trees and that from the enquiries made of the travellers there at the time, it was ascertained that they were not fed with any food and lastly that the chatram was kept in a very dirty condition. He therefore recommends that the Institution may be taken over under Government management.

3. The present manager Venkatramireddi is reported not to have properly managed the Institution or maintained accounts of receipts and expenditure as enjoined in Govt Proceedings No 2227/79-80 dated 18th December 1904, thereby showing no improvement in the proper administration of the Charity.

4. From enquiries made by me also and information that has reached me, I seek at one with the opinion of my predecessor (Mr K P Puttanna Chetty) expressed in his letter No 2086/1904 dated the 9th October 1904 and recommend that persons named in the margin may be appointed and the Institution placed under their charge by turns with clear instructions that there should always be a sufficient stock of provision in the chatram to last for a month and that payments would only be made by the Amildars on their rendering the accounts of the previous month. This course is in my opinion highly desirable in the interests of this important charitable Institution.

1. Venkatramireddi Son of Ramareddi
2. Patel Munireddi Son of Byrareddi
3. Chick Venkatramireddi Son of Veerapparedi
4. Shanbh of Venkatrayappa.

5. The memorials received with the above are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

B Venkoba Rao

For Deputy Commissioner
Uth Kolar District

(Dft as per order)

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To,

The Dy Commr

Kolar Dt.

Sir,

In acknowledgment
receipt of your letter
no. 273/17 dy 9th July 1907
reporting on the affairs
of the Chatram on the
Chintamani - Sidlaghatta
High Road, built and
endowed by Bairappa
Reddi of Konapalli,
I am directed to state
that the explanation
of Doddabenkatappa

in this matter

3. I am directed to request the favour of your obtaining the statement of Venkata Rama Reddi as to what he has to say in regard to the non-feeding of travellers in the Chattram and as to why regular accounts have not been maintained and what objection, if any, he has to the sites proposed by you

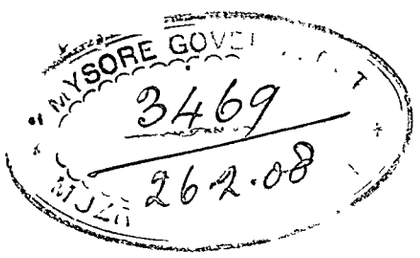
appear---

4. The Vera: Records

with your letter

under reply are herewith

sent for report & research



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From

C. Srikanteswara Aiyar Esquire
B.A.B.L.
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

To

L. Anantaswami Rao Esquire
B.A.
Secretary to Government
Mulkai Department
Bangalore

Dated 24. 2. 1908.

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Office of The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

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Dated Kolar the 24th February 1908

From

C. Srikanteswara Aiyar Esquire B.A.B.L
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

To

L. Anantaswami Rau Esquire B.A.
Secretary to Government
Muzrai Department

Sir,

With reference to your letter no: 706 dated 6th August 07, calling for submission of the statement of Dodda Venkatramana reddi, the present manager of the Chatram on the Chintamani-Sidlaghatta High Road, on the mismanagement of the Institution, I have the honor to state that the chatram referred to was inspected by the Sub Division officer on the 28th January 1908 and he reports that the building is in disrepair, there were neither provisions nor vessels in the Chatram during the time of his inspection, that some of coolies are using portion of the chatram as their permanent place of residence and that ground nuts are stored by itinerant traders.

2. I solicit that proposals contained in para 4, of this office letter no: 273/17 dated 10th July 1907, may kindly be approved.

3. The statement obtained from Dodda Venkatramana reddi together with the vernacular correspondence ending with Malur Sub Divisional officer's report no: 953 dated 6th instant is herewith submitted for reference.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Venkata Rao
for Deputy Commissioner
R.R. Kolar District

Draft as per notes
Munzrai
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Read;

Govt Memo no 2279-80
dated 18th December 1904.
passing orders in the matter
of the management of
the Lokattram and temple
on the Chintamani—
Sidlaghatta high road
built by Rama Reddi
of Konapalli.

Correspondence ending
with letter no. 5288 Dy/230
24th February 1908 from
the Dy. Commr., Kolar
Distt. reporting on the
above

Order thereon no. Dy

In the Govt.

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directed that ~~the manager~~
Venkatanandam Reddi
be the manager of
should continue ~~for~~
~~hereditarily for a period~~
~~of 3 years, in his manage-~~
~~ment of~~ the chattram
and temple on the Chintamani-
Sidlaghatta ~~high~~ road provisionally for 3 years
and the Dy. Commr
was then requested to submit
a report after the
lapse of the said period.
as to whether the present
manager save
~~has given~~
no cause for complaint.
He now reports ~~in the cover~~
~~forwarded~~ read above, that
the chattram was inspected
by the Assistant Commr
Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao

that ~~the chattram~~ it was found to be in a state of disrepair, that there were neither provisions nor vessels in the chattram at the time of ~~the~~ his inspection. That some Coolies were using portion of the chattram building as their permanent place of residence, that ~~of~~ ground-nuts had been stored by itenerant traders and that people complained that they were declined food in the chattram. The Dy Commr further reports that the present manager Venkalarama Reddi

is reported not to
have properly managed
the institution or main-
tained accounts of receipts
and expenditure as enjoined
in the order read above
~~thereby showing no~~
~~improvement in the~~
~~proper administration~~
~~of the charity~~ He
therefore recommends
the appointment of
4 persons as Dharmadarsis including Venkataramana Reddi
to supervise the affairs
of the institution.

(2) Under the circs.
reported the Govt observe
that mismanagement
on the part of Venkata-
ramana Reddi has been

clearly proved. They are therefore pleased to sanction the Dy Commissioner's proposal to appoint 4 Dharmadarsis (including Venkatarama Reddi — and two of his near relations), tentatively for a period of 2 years. A separate notification will issue in this behalf. ~~The Dharmadarsis should be distinctly given to understand that these should always be a sufficient stock of provision in the chathram to last for a month and their payments would only be made by the~~

supervise the affairs of the Chathram in question

~~Auditor on their~~

~~receiving the accounts~~

~~of the previous month.~~

(Cris. over) 1/5/08

Secretary

1/5/08

To, The Dy. Commr.,

Kolar District, returning

the records.

~~Compts. receipt form~~

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No 4928 D/4.5.08

Notification.

The undermentioned persons are appointed, tentatively for a period of 2 years, Dharmadarsis to supervise the affairs of the chatteram on the Chintami Sidlaghatta high road built by Rama Reddi of Konapalli:-

(1) Mr. A Rg. Venkataramanappa Reddi son of Rama Reddi

(2) " — Patel muni Reddi son of Byra Reddi

(3) " — chick Venkatarama Reddi son of Veerappa Reddi

(4) " — Shanbhogue Venkataraya[illegible]

By order

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